



U.S. - MEXICO BORDER  
MAYORS ASSOCIATION

ASOCIACIÓN DE ALCALDES  
FRONTERIZOS MÉXICO-E.U.

*An International Association of Border Mayors from México and the United States.  
Our purpose is to speak with one voice on issues that impact the communities that our borders join together.*

RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the North American Development Bank (NADB) was established in 1994 to enhance the quality of life for people living along the U.S.–Mexico border through cleaner water, air and land; and

**WHEREAS**,owned entirely by the United States and Mexican Governments in equal shares, NADB helps develop and finance infrastructure in communities on both sides of the border through a variety of services and programs that encourage sustainable development; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, the NADB has benefitted 17 million residents on both sides of the U.S.–Mexico border through development of sustainable infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, with an initial \$405 million in total paid-in capital contributions from the U.S. and Mexico, NADB has leveraged investments totaling \$8.2 billion resulting in a 1:20 overall leverage ratio for the development of sustainable infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, NADB is the only multilateral financial institution that finances projects in the United States and has financed 114 projects in economically–distressed areas. In Mexico, NADB has financed an additional 132 projects totaling 246 projects in both the U.S. and Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, NADB has financed projects in the following sectors: water/wastewater (137 projects), solid waste (25 projects), water conservation (24 projects), air quality (16 projects), solar energy (17 projects), wind energy (14 projects), basic urban infrastructure, such as paving (4 projects), storm water control (3 projects), biogas/biofuel facilities (3 projects), and public transportation (2 projects); and

**WHEREAS**, the NADB is seeking its first capital increase since its creation. The capital increase would allow the Bank to play a more significant role in financing and resolving a common issue on the U.S.–Mexico border, which is a lack of sustainable infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the NADB capital increase authorization and appropriation was approved by the Mexican government in 2016, language is included in the U.S. President’s FY 2019 proposed budget to do the same, and final approval of said language by the U.S. Congress is pending; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1997, the U.S.–Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program funded by Congress through the State and Tribal Assistance Grant Program (STAG) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded grants to address high–priority water and wastewater infrastructure needs in the U.S.–Mexico border region. The program was eliminated in the President’s FY 2019 proposed budget; and

**WHEREAS**,under the U.S.–Mexico Border Water Infrastructure program, over \$660 million in grants has been utilized for construction of 121 water and wastewater projects, representing a total investment of \$2 billion and resulting in a 1:3 leverage ratio in both the U.S. and Mexico. The program resulted in the elimination of 450 million gallons per day of untreated or inadequately treated sewage from shared water bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. border population without basic water and wastewater services is over 2.8 million residents (over 950,000 for basic water and over 1.8 million residents for basic wastewater services); and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S.–Mexico Border Mayors Association that we fully support leveraging limited federal funds with other public and private sector sources and the NADB is perfectly positioned to continue their impressive leveraging record to develop and finance sustainable infrastructure.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the U.S.–Mexico Border Mayors Association that: Recapitalization of the North American Development Bank and restoration of the U.S.–Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program are top priorities for the Association’s Border Region Cities and Municipalities; and

The Association respectfully requests that the U.S. Congress authorize and fully fund the NADB’s re–capitalization and restore significant funding for the U.S.–Mexico Border Water Infrastructure Program in the FY 2019 & FY 2020 budget process; and

We urge all border cities, states, and partner organizations to advocate for these priorities to the leadership of the federal governments of the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico.

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